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This is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98 in connection with the above-identified application. Also enclosed herewith is PTO/SB/08A Substitute for Form PTO-1449 and copies of the references cited thereon.

Applicant bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

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WO 98/45180	KCL Corporation (Thieman et al.)	10/15/98	WIPO
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OTHER DOCUMENTS

Exhibit A shows drawings of a package used by the Assignee of the present invention, which is admittedly prior art with respect to the above captioned patent application. Exhibit A includes three figures describing a package which is prior art with respect to the above-captioned patent application.

“Hefty’s Plastic Zipper Bag Is Rapping Rivals”, by Dean Starkman, article in The Wall Street Journal, date unknown.

Commonly Assigned U.S. Applications

Applicant’s wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner that the following commonly assigned United States patent applications relate to subject matter similar to that of the above-captioned patent application:

<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Issued</u>
Dutra et al. (74947)	10/251,639	9/20/02	N/A	N/A
Kinigakis et al. (67545)	10/280,335	10/25/02	N/A	N/A
Kinigakis et al. (67591)	10/363,436	1/29/03	N/A	N/A

REMARKS


It is respectfully requested that the Examiner accept and consider the above documents and make them of record in the above-captioned application.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(d) (2), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Information Disclosure Fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p) of \$180.00 to Deposit Account Number 06-1135 (*Transaction No. 9392*).

Respectfully submitted,

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